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## PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

### SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Tuesday, 28 October 1997*

**SECURITY COUNCIL**

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| 10.30 a.m. | consultations of the whole (closed) | Consultation Room |

Angola (S/1997/807)

Republic of the Congo (S/1997/814)

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

UNITED NATIONS SPECIAL COMMISSION (UNSCOM)

*Fourteenth plenary session*

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 8 |

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

*Fifty-second session*

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| 10.30 a.m. | 37th PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [29]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/52/456);

(b) Draft resolution (A/52/L.9).

*Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157*
*(United Nations reform: measures and proposals)*

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| 3 p.m. | 7th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 4 |

Continuation of the consideration of the recommendations contained at the end of paras. 96, 101, 115, 126, 134, 135 and 137 of the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950) and beginning of the consideration of the recommendations contained at the end of paras. 162 and 169 of the same report. Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP.1, 2 and 3, the Informal List of Measures and Proposals of 7 October 1997 as well as the "Secretariat response to comments and queries" of 21 October 1997 were made available to members during the previous informal consultations.

## Committees

### FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | informal meeting (closed) | Conference Room 4 |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | informal meeting (closed) | Conference Room 3 |

Structured discussion of specific subjects on the adopted thematic approach on disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-82) (A/C.1/52/INF/1)

### SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | 20th meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| 3 p.m. | 21st meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |

Macroeconomic policy questions [95]

(a) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.4*

(d) External debt crisis and development

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.8*

Operational activities for development [99]

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.5*

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.7*

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [101]

*Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/52/L.6*

Sectoral policy questions [96] (A/52/139, A/52/284, A/52/347, A/52/447-S/1997/775, A/52/460)

(a) Industrial development cooperation (A/52/480)

(b) Business and development (A/52/413, A/52/428)

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| Afternoon*-6 p.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 6 |

Informal consultations on the following draft proposals: A/C.2/52/L.2 and L.4 (item 95 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.8 (item 95 (d)); A/C.2/52/L.3 (item 95 (c)); A/C.2/52/L.5 (item 99 (a)); A/C.2/52/L.7 (item 99 (b)); and A/C.2/52/L.6 (item 101)

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Second Committee.

## THIRD COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | 17th meeting | Conference<br>Room 1 |

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [103] (A/52/3*, A/52/295, A/52/327, A/52/357, A/52/413, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

2. International drug control [104] (A/52/3*, A/52/127, A/52/296, A/52/336, A/52/347, A/52/413, A/52/447-S/1997/775, E/1997/48)

*Continuation of the general discussion*

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| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | 18th meeting | Conference<br>Room 1 |

1. Advancement of women [105]

   Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women [106]

   *Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.17 and L.19*

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [102] (A/52/3*, A/52/56, A/52/57-E/1997/4, A/52/60-E/1997/6, A/52/80-E/1997/14, A/52/183, A/52/328, A/52/351, E/1997/103, E/1997/104)

   *Action on draft proposals A/C.3/52/L.11 and L.12*

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [103] (A/52/3*, A/52/295, A/52/327, A/52/357, A/52/413, A/52/447-S/1997/775)

4. International drug control [104] (A/52/3*, A/52/127, A/52/296, A/52/336, A/52/347, A/52/413, A/52/447-S/1997/775, E/1997/48)

   *Continuation and conclusion of the general discussion*

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## FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 15th meeting | Conference<br>Room 3 |

1. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [116] (A/52/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I and II), A/52/7, A/52/16, A/52/278, A/52/303, A/52/379 and A/C.5/51/53)

   *Continuation of general discussion*

2. Joint Inspection Unit [118] (A/51/34, A/52/34, A/51/559 and Corr.1, A/52/206 and A/52/267)

   *Continuation of general discussion*

3. Pattern of conferences [119] (A/52/32 and Add.1, A/51/946 and Corr.1 (Russian only), A/52/215 and Add.1, A/52/216 and Add.1, A/52/291 and A/52/340 and Add.1)

   *Introduction and general discussion*

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| Morning*-<br>1 p.m. | informal consultations<br>(closed) | Conference<br>Room 5 |

Informal consultations on agenda items 142 (Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: (a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations; Third party liability; reform of procedures for determining reimbursement to Member States regarding contingent-owned equipment (A/51/903, A/51/967 and Corr.1-2, and A/52/410)); and 123 (Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission (A/51/494/Add.3, A/52/385 and Corr.1 and A/52/478 and Corr.1))

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* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

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## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference<br>Room 10 |
| 3 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference<br>Room 10 |

*Subject*

United Nations reform: measures and proposals (A/52/303)

## UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

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| 10.30 a.m.-<br>1 p.m. | closed meeting | 633 Third Avenue<br>(Room 27-96) |
| 2.30 p.m.-<br>6 p.m. | closed meeting | 633 Third Avenue<br>(Room 27-96) |

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## THIRD COMMITTEE

*Informal consultations*

There will be informal consultations of the Third Committee on the draft resolution on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women *today*, 28 October 1997, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), *today*, 28 October 1997, at 11 a.m. sharp in Conference Room E.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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*Tuesday, 28 October 1997*

## UNITED NATIONS DISARMAMENT FELLOWSHIP, TRAINING AND ADVISORY SERVICES PROGRAMME

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room D |
| 3 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room D |

## GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

*(on items 97 (c) and (d))*

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| 1.30 p.m.-2.45 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

## MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

## WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

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| 3 p.m.-4.30 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

## LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP OF THE WHOLE

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| 3.30 p.m.-6 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 7 |

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Informal consultations on organizational issues for the special session of the General Assembly on drugs in 1998, organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, will take place *today*, 28 October 1997, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. and from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9. The consultations will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Alvaro Mendonça e Moura, Ambassador of Portugal to the United Nations Office in Vienna and President of the Preparatory Committee of the Special Session of the General Assembly on Drugs. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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### Briefing

There will be an informal briefing on "Mainstreaming the Gender Perspective into Economic Policies", organized jointly by the Division for the Advancement of Women and UNDP, *today*, 28 October 1997, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room E. All delegations and interested persons are invited to attend.

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### Colloquium

The Colloquium on the Codification and Progressive Development of International Law (General Assembly resolution 51/160) will be held *today*, 28 October 1997, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2, and *tomorrow*, 29 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2. [The working luncheon will take place at the Delegates' Dining Room (by invitation only).]

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**Panel**

There will be a panel discussion on "Drugs in the Workplace and in the Community", co-sponsored by the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP) and the International Labour Organization (ILO), *today*, 28 October 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The panel will be moderated by Mr. James O'Hair, Manager of the Employee Assistance Programme at Northrop Grumman. The panel is organized by the New York Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention (ODCCP) in connection with the discussion on drug control and crime prevention and criminal justice in the Third Committee. Members of delegations, representatives of non-governmental organizations and staff members are invited to attend.

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**Announcement**

As from Wednesday, 1 October 1997, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings as of 6 October will take place at 3.30 p.m. in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

# FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

*Wednesday, 29 October 1997*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

*Fifty-second session*

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| 10 a.m. | 38th PLENARY MEETING | General Assembly Hall |

Report of the Security Council (A/52/2) [11].

### Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

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| 3 p.m. | informal meeting (closed) | Conference Room 2 |

SECOND COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |
| 3 p.m. | 22nd meeting | Trusteeship Council Chamber |
| Afternoon* | informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 5 |

* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

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| 10 a.m. | 16th meeting | Conference Room 3 |

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

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| 10.30 a.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 3 p.m. | closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

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**Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals)**

The 8th meeting of the Open-ended Informal Consultations of the Plenary on Agenda Item 157 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals) will be held on Wednesday, 29 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4, to continue the consideration of the actions contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/51/950). Conference Room Papers A/52/CRP.1, 2 and 3, the Informal List of Measures and Proposals of 7 October 1997 as well as the "Secretariat response to comments and queries" of 21 October 1997 were made available to members during the previous informal consultations.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

*Informal meetings*

There will be a panel discussion on "International migration, population and development" on Wednesday, 29 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panel discussion will be moderated by Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs. The panelists invited for the Panel are: Mr. James Purcell, Director-General of the International Organization for Migration, and Ms. Guillermina Jasso, Professor of Sociology, New York University; Ms. Solita Monsod, Professor of Economics, University of the Philippines, and Mr. Makhtar Diouf, Dean of Economics, University of St. Louis, Dakar.

Mr. Maurizio Iaccarino, Assistant Director-General in charge of the Science Sector, UNESCO, will give a briefing on "The World Science Conference, 1999" on Thursday, 30 October 1997, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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The 1997 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 4 November 1997, at 10 a.m. and on Wednesday, 5 November 1997, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: 963-2320 or 5973; fax No.: 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open beginning 29 October until Monday, 3 November 1997.

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## ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women will hold an informal consultation on the Open-ended Working Group of the Commission on the Elaboration of a Draft Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women on Wednesday, 29 October 1997, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-second session of the Commission (2-13 March 1998). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and armed conflict; (2) human rights of women; (3) the girl child; and (4) violence against women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Friday, 31 October 1997.

# MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 29 October 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Wednesday, 29 October 1997, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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The second meeting of Legal Advisers will be held on Wednesday, 29 October 1997, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Islamic Group of the Organization of the Islamic Conference *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 29 October 1997 at 3.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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There will be a meeting of the Mason Group on Wednesday, 29 October 1997, at 9 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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**Informal consultations**

Informal consultations will be held on the draft resolution on agenda items 39 (b) and (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks; Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and fisheries by-catch and discards) on Thursday, 30 October 1997, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in Conference Room E.

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**Workshop**

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French language Workshop on the structure and drafting of the United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York on the following dates: Wednesday, 5 November 1997, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 6 November , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent representatives on 20 October 1997. The deadline for registration is *today*, 28 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

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**Informal meeting**

There will be a meeting of the United Nations International Police Task Force contributors on Thursday, 30 October 1997, at 3.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The meeting will be chaired by Lieutenant General Manfred Eisele, Assistant Secretary-General for Planning and Support, Department of Peacekeeping Operations. Mr. Kai Eide, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina, will give a briefing on the present situation and developments in the mission.

# SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS

*Monday, 27 October 1997*

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-second session

36th plenary meeting

*Report of the International Court of Justice (A/52/4)* [13]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice.

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Brazil, the Philippines, Malaysia, Argentina and Costa Rica.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

*Programme of work*

The President informed delegates that agenda item 27 (Return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin), originally scheduled for Tuesday, 28 October, in the morning, would be considered at a later date to be announced, and that agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), originally scheduled for Monday, 3 November, in the morning, would be considered on Wednesday, 12 November, in the morning.

The President also informed delegates that H.E. Mr. Ernst Sucharipa, Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, would coordinate the informal consultations on the draft resolutions to be submitted under agenda item 20 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance). The President further informed delegates that the first meeting of the informal consultations would be held on Wednesday afternoon, 12 November, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

## Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 9th meeting

Note: The summary of the 9th meeting of the Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/ 209).

SECOND COMMITTEE 18th meeting

*Sustainable development and international economic cooperation* [97]

*(a) Renewal of dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership*

*(b) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s*

The Committee began consideration of the item and had before it the documents listed in the *Journal*.

Introductory statements were made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division of ECOSOC Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Officer-in-Charge of the New York Office of UNCTAD.

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representative of the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union; Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus aligned themselves with this statement), the United States, Bangladesh, the Russian Federation, Mexico, China, Algeria, the Philippines, Ghana, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mali, the Sudan, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire and Burkina Faso.

*Organization of work*

The Chairman made a statement.

19th meeting

The Committee continued consideration of agenda item 97 (a) and (b).

Statements were made by the representatives of Bahrain, Kazakhstan, Egypt, Israel, New Zealand, Ethiopia, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Republic of Korea, India, Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Nepal, Indonesia and Lesotho.

The Committee thus concluded the general discussion on agenda items 97 (a) and (b).

THIRD COMMITTEE 15th meeting

*Crime prevention and criminal justice* [103]

*International drug control* [104]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cyprus, Portugal (speaking in his capacity as Chairman of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs), Panama, Mexico, Benin, China, Venezuela, Singapore, Belarus (also on behalf of Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) and the Russian Federation.

16th meeting

*Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family* [102]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft proposals*

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.2 and amendments contained in A/C.3/52/L.10*

By its resolution 1997/18, the Economic and Social had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.2.

The Committee adopted the amendments to draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.2 contained in document A/C.3/52/L.10.

The Committee was informed that draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.2 contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as amended, without a vote.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.3*

By its resolution 1997/21, the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.3.

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution without a vote.

*Draft resolution A/C.3/52/L.13*

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

It was announced that Côte d'Ivoire, Iceland, Ireland, Jamaica, Panama, the Russian Federation and Ukraine had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Chad, the Dominican Republic, Israel, Liberia, Mongolia and Senegal and the Solomon Islands joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

*Crime prevention and criminal justice* [103]

*International drug control* [104]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine (also on behalf of the Republic of Moldova), Swaziland (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Thailand, Jamaica (on behalf of the Carribean Community), the Sudan, the Czech Republic, Indonesia, the United Republic of Tanzania, Canada (also on behalf of Australia and New Zealand), Argentina, Nigeria, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Israel and Kyrgyzstan.

*Organization of work*

In view of the lateness of documentation under item 108, the Committee agreed to postpone its consideration of item 108 from Wednesday, 29 October, to Thursday, 30 October, when it would hold two meetings and to hold two meetings on Friday, 31 October, in order to conclude the debate. It was agreed to postpone the deadline for the submission of draft proposals on item 108 until Friday, 31 October, at 6 p.m.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 14th meeting

*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations* [120]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item.

The representative of Belgium (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement in connection with the statement he delivered at the 9th meeting.

Statements were also made by the representatives of Kazakhstan, Pakistan, Uganda, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Uruguay (on behalf of the Mercosur Countries and also on behalf of Bolivia and Chile), South Africa, Canada, China, Lebanon, Bulgaria, Jordan, Cuba, Benin, Ghana, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Moldova and Botswana.

*Organization of work*

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico and Costa Rica.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Note: The summary of the 16th meeting of the Sixth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1997/209).

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**United Nations Conference on Trade and Development**

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fourth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1997

889th plenary meeting

*Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries* [7 (a)]

The Board began its consideration with an introductory statement by Mr. Chandra Patel, Officer-in-charge, Office of the Coordinator for Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries. This was followed by statements by the representatives of Turkey, Mongolia (on behalf of the Land-locked developing countries), Burundi, Zambia, the Russian Federation, Uganda, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Paraguay and Nepal.

The Board took note of the report of the Meeting of governmental experts from land-locked and transit developing countries with representatives of donor countries, financial and development institutions held in New York under the auspices of UNCTAD from 18 to 20 June 1997 (TD/B/44/7 - TD/B/LDC/AC.1/11) and endorsed the conclusions and recommendations contained in annex I of the report, and agreed to submit the conclusions and recommendations together with the "Progress report by the UNCTAD secretariat" in TD/B/44/9 to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session.

*Progressive development of the law of international trade: thirtieth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law* [7 (b)]

The Senior Legal Adviser made a statement. The representatives of Hungary, South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Bulgaria (on behalf of Group D) and Peru (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States) made statements on the item.

The Board took note of the report of UNCITRAL in document A/51/17 under cover of a note by the UNCTAD secretariat (TD/B/44/13) on the work if its thirtieth session and agreed to the proposals made by the Senior Legal Adviser for closer cooperation with UNCITRAL for the next session of the Board.

*Progress report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the trust fund to enhance participation of developing countries' experts in UNCTAD meetings* [8 (c)]

Mr. Carlos Fortin, Deputy Secretary-General of UNCTAD made an introductory statement. Statements were made by the representatives of Peru (on behalf of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States), Sri Lanka (on behalf of the Asian Group and China) and South Africa (on behalf of the African Group) on this item.

The Board took note of the progress report by the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the Trust Fund to enhance Participation of Developing Countries' Experts in UNCTAD Meetings (TD/B/44/CRP.2) and further requested the Secretary-General of UNCTAD to continue his efforts in this endeavour and to make a further progress report on this issue to the seventeenth executive session of the Board in 1998.

*Report of the Pilot Seminar on the Mobilization of the Private Sector in order to Encourage Foreign Investment Flows towards the LDCs* [9 (a)]

The report of the Pilot Seminar which met from 23 to 25 June 1997 was before the Board in document TD/B/SEM.2/3. A statement was made by the representative of Bangladesh (on behalf of the LDCs).

The Board endorsed the recommendations contained in annex I of the above report.

*Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues, second session: recommendations of the Commission regarding the convening of expert meetings* [9 (b)]

The Vice-Chairman of the second session of the Commission on Investment, Mr. André Oberholzer (South Africa), reported on the recommendations of the Commission to convene four meetings at the expert level. The representatives of the United States, Canada, Mexico, Turkey, Peru and Luxembourg (on behalf of the European Union) made statements.

The Board decided to approve the convening of the four meetings stipulated in document TD/B/44/L.2/Rev.1. The President drew the attention of the Board that, for 1998, the Commission on Investment, Technology and Related Financial Issues would have four meetings at the expert level out of the overall ten expert meetings as approved by the Conference at its ninth session and that the other two Commissions could convene up to 3 expert meetings each in 1998.

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**International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights**

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-first session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1997

1626th and 1627th meetings

*Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant* [4]

The Committee considered the fourth periodic report of Iraq (CCPR/C/103/Add.2). In accordance with rule 68 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and comments made by members of the Committee.

## SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

### [MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

*International Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 16 December 1966*

*Signature*: China (27 October 1997)

*United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, concluded at Vienna on 20 December 1988*

*Accession*: Singapore (23 October 1997)*

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Training courses for permanent missions

The second set of off-site Internet training course has been scheduled by the Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) to take place from 17 to 24 November 1997. The list of attendees should be submitted by Monday, 10 November, to Ms. Glenda San Pedro (fax: 963-0952). The courses offered will be: Netscape 3.0; Intermediate Internet; Introduction to HTML; Intermediate HTML; and Creating a Website.

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